



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Office of the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department

**Date:** December 12, 2013  
**To:** Council Member Robert Lilligren, Chair, Committee of the Whole  
**Referral to:** City Council  
**Subject:** **Appointments to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission**

**Recommendation:** Hold the public hearing and approve the recommended appointments to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission for terms to be effective December 18, 2013.

### Department Information

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Approved by:

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Presenters in Committee: Howard Blin

Two appointed members of the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission have resigned before their terms were over. The two members who resigned are City Council appointee Jeffrey Martin, whose term will end in June 2014, and Mayoral appointee Abdirahman Muse, whose term will end in July 2014.

The following candidates are recommended for appointment to complete the terms of the members who resigned.

Appointee	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward	Term Ending	Board Seat's previous member's name that this Appointee is replacing
Henry Jimenez	City Council	9	June 2014	Jeffrey Martin
Matthew Dobratz	Mayor	9	June 2015	Abdirahman Muse

### Background Information:

Of the 16 members of the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission, one-half are appointed by the Mayor and City Council and the other half are elected by neighborhood organizations. All terms are for two years.

The key considerations for appointments to the NCEC included in the establishing resolution for the Commission are:

- a. Appointments should reflect the diverse interests and perspectives of the Minneapolis community. The recruitment process should be designed to ensure diversity of representation and ideas and take into consideration the City's commitment to civil rights, affirmative action and geographic distribution wherever possible.
- b. Members shall be residents of the City of Minneapolis who do not hold a current election certificate.

The following is the complete selection process included in Resolution 2011R-668:

**Selection Procedure:**

- a. 8 members selected through a process defined by the City's officially recognized neighborhood organizations.
- b. 7 members appointed using the City's open appointments process and a public hearing
  - i. 5 members appointed by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis; and
  - ii. 2 members appointed by the Mayor of the City of Minneapolis;
  - iii. Recommendations shall be solicited for nominations from Hennepin County and the Minneapolis School Board
- c. 1 member appointed by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- d. If other jurisdictions of state and local government choose not to participate in the program financially, they will be given, at their request, the opportunity to appoint a non-voting member of the Commission.
- e. Appointments shall reflect the diverse interests and perspectives of the Minneapolis community. The recruitment process shall be designed to ensure diversity of representation and ideas and take into consideration the City's commitment to civil rights, affirmative action and geographic distribution wherever possible.
- f. Membership shall be appointed annually as follows:
  - i. Odd years--1 Mayoral appointment, 2 City Council appointments, 1 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board appointment, and 4 members selected by neighborhood organizations; and
  - ii. Even years--1 Mayoral appointment, 3 City Council appointments, and 4 members selected by neighborhood organizations.